



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Member:

This is our first Newsletter to which all State Branches have contributed. Hopefully, in future, this may be expanded with articles from members.

QUEENSLAND BRANCH:

Much of the interest in this Branch over the past months has centred on organization of the Second Convention of the Society for Thursday, 19th and Friday 20th May, 1977. The deadline for registration was April 11th, so if you plan to attend, please return the registration form contained in the Second Conference brochure, with your cheque at once. Registration forms are obtainable from Dr. J.P. Brown, Dental School, Turbot Street, Brisbane, 4000.

The scientific programme is, we believe, one which covers the full scope of Dentistry for Children, and will be very well presented. Socially, a convivial evening is assured at the informal Conference dinner. As at the first Convention, a general interest lecture for delegates and associates is being presented - this time, on some of the occupational hazards of being a dentist. We shall also be visiting current displays at the Anthropology and Art Museums at the University of Queensland. Associates will take part in a walking tour of Brisbane buildings of historic and architectural interest on the first morning, and day or half-day tours of the city and environs on the second day. Be assured of a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. However, late registrations must be submitted immediately to assure smooth travel, accommodation and Conference arrangements.

At the bimonthly meetings of the Queensland Branch in recent months, members have presented short lectures on the following topics:-

"Dentistry for Children in the B.D.Sc. Curriculum"

"The Role of Dental Therapists as Tutors in School Dental Therapy Training Centres".

"The Problems of Occlusal Caries Diagnosis in Children who had Optimal Fluoride Intake".

"Treatment under General Anaesthesia of a Child with Haemophilia".

We also discussed proposed guidelines drawn up by the A.D.A., Queensland Branch, on implementation of Dental Hygienists in this State.

At our July meeting, we hope to be addressed by the Director of the Department of Children's Services, both on the scope of his Department in general and on child abuse in particular.

Later in the year, our Toowoomba members are to run a weekend meeting. Spring in the Queen City of the Darling Downs is a delight and we plan this time to meet some of our non-metropolitan members at home.

John P. Brown
Secretary, Qld. Branch.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA:

The South Australian Branch of A.S.D.C. holds five meetings per year, taking the form of a dinner followed by a speaker. We have been fortunate in Adelaide in being able to use the facilities of The University of Adelaide Club which provides an excellent meal at very reasonable cost and a venue almost ideal for holding a meeting. Interstate members of A.S.D.C. would be most welcome at our meetings.

During the latter part of 1976, we were privileged to be addressed by Professor Jenkins who was in Adelaide on a four months visit from the University of Newcastle-on-Tyne, United Kingdom. Professor Jenkins is a world authority on plaque, and his "in depth" presentations were most timely and stimulating. More recently we have had the pleasure of visiting speakers from U.S.A. and Canada. Dr. Richard Adams discussed the use of Nitrous Oxide-Oxygen sedation in Dentistry, and the need for monitoring nitrous oxide levels in the surgery. Dr. Ken Wright, from London, Ontario, Canada, a periodontist working in the University Department of Dental Health for eight months gave us an insight into Dentistry in Canada.

At each meeting, one of our own members presents a short paper, either a review of a journal article or some personal project they are undertaking. As a study group we are investigating the incidence of fractured incisors in the community, with the idea of presenting the results at the Jubilee Congress of the A.D.A. in Melbourne in 1978. Our next few meetings will be on the topic of Diet, but looking more at the side of nutrition, rather than the usual relation of diet and caries.

We feel rather proud in Adelaide that our State President, Dr. Kevin Allen, is presenting a paper at the combined meeting of the American Society of Dentistry for Children and the International Association of Dentistry for Children being held in San Francisco in July/August.

John Burrow
Secretary, S.A. Branch

TASMANIA:

Individual members of A.S.D.C. practicing in Tasmania decided early in 1976 that they wished to form a Branch of the Society. Enquiries were made to the Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. Joe Verco, to determine the way to proceed with the formation of the Branch.

Subsequently, a preliminary meeting of interested dentists was held in Hobart in September, 1976, in order to implement the formation of the Tasmanian Branch. At that meeting convenors were selected to draft a preliminary Constitution. The draft Constitution was discussed, amended and approved at the inaugural meeting of the Branch on December 10th, 1976, at which seventeen members were present. Office bearers were elected, Dr. Frank Wimmer was elected President, Dr. Denis Badger, Vice-President and Dr. Felix Goldschmied, Hon. Secretary/Treasurer. The committee members are Dr. Peter Bolster and Dr. John Bellamy.

On Sunday afternoon March 20th, 1977, the Branch held a social "get together". Members and guests attended. Professor Horsnell was our distinguished guest, and he took the opportunity of briefing the Executive of the Branch. Later, all present enjoyed refreshments and the congenial atmosphere provided by the hosts Dr. and Mrs. Badger. The intention of the social gatherings is to allow ideas to flow informally. This type of interchange is difficult to obtain in the confines of a structured meeting. The Branch is grateful to Professor Horsnell for coming to meet some of the members, his attendance was very encouraging to our Branch and much appreciated.

The Annual General Meeting of the Branch will be held in Launceston on June 11th. This will be followed by a formal dinner.

On Saturday 24th September, a Scientific Meeting will take place in Hobart. The format of the meeting will consist of four 10 minute papers to be presented with fifteen minute discussion time following each presentation.

It is hoped that at least two members of the Branch will be able to attend the Convention in Brisbane in May.

Felix Goldschmied
Secretary/Treasurer, Tas. Branch.

VICTORIAN BRANCH:

We now have a membership approaching 70.

Our meetings consist of a convivial dinner, business, a case presentation or similar short discourse and a speaker. Our speakers have been evenly divided between our members and other Victorians and interstate guests. There are three such meetings each year; and the Annual General Meeting is in the form of a Christmas party. Our principal venture in 1976 was to present the three day meeting for the A.D.A. in Mildura in September.

On the business scene, 1976 was involved in political lobbying following the extraordinary deliberate omission of pedodontics from the list of proposed dental specialties in Victoria. 1977 has started on a very lively note with a questioning of our roles in continuing education. Following our first meeting an Education Sub-Committee is preparing guidelines for our members who have offered to speak to local A.D.A. groups.

On 5th May, we have an interstate lecturer as our guest speaker at our dinner meeting, and in June a growth and development weekend is being held.

John Brownbill
President, Vict. Branch

WESTERN AUSTRALIA:

By way of a change, activities for 1977 have taken on a group-workshop format. Three groups have been formed. The first group looked at psychological and sociological factors as they affect behaviour in the dental chair. There were three speakers on the panel, which was chaired by a clinical psychologist, Mrs. Ailsa Smith, who is also the administrator of a Department of Community Welfare Institution for Children in Perth. A most interesting discussion ensued: Mrs. Smith's experience in dealing with generally disadvantaged children with extreme problems added to the value of this workshop and all who attended derived benefit.

At this stage, two further workshops are planned. The first of these will be examining and evaluating the aids in Preventive Dentistry, particularly those that have appeared recently. This study will look at the full range, from dentifrices, flosses and disclosing agents through to audio-visual systems, with special emphasis on those that would assist children.

The third group will be directing its attentions at topical fluorides and pit and fissure sealants. Here again the main concern will be with recent materials, apparatus and instruments being marketed, and their application. The aim will be to evaluate critically the materials and their related application systems.

Branch President, Bill Brogan, will be off to North America in May, 1977. He will be attending the Third International Congress on Cleft Palate in Toronto from June 5th to 12th, 1977. It is his intention to look at specialist pedodontic courses at Indianapolis and Ann Arbor in the U.S.A. It is to be hoped that his trip is both fruitful and enjoyable.

Our immediate Past President, Des Kailis, will be returning to Perth in June, 1977, following his one year sabbatical leave. He and his family have spent this year in Los Angeles. Reports from the Kailis family have been characteristically sketchy! Maybe this has been a measure of the maximum benefit they are deriving from their time away.

It was with regret that the resignation has been received from our Federal Councillor, Ray Owen. Ray has recently been elected to the Vice-Presidency of the W.A. Branch of the Australian Dental Association. Even a man of Ray's energy can still only fit a certain amount into a twenty four hour day. It is a shame that he has been forced to forego his A.S.D.C. membership.

Alistair Devlin
Secretary, W.A. Branch.

There will be a local member present at the airport on Wednesday 16th to meet the 7.15 p.m. and 9.30 flights from the Southern States. He will be identifiable by the A.S.D.C. sign he will be standing or leaning under, depending on how late the plane is, and if he is thirsty after work.

Now, a reminder before we finish, that the mango season is over, so if you want one for breakfast, would you please bring it with you.

Brisbane in May is just fabulous.

John Keys
President, Qld. Branch

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING:

Notice is hereby given of a Special General Meeting to be held at the time of the Convention in Brisbane on Friday, May 20th, 1977, at 2.00 p.m. - for location, see official programme.

Hope to see you in brisbane on 19th and 20th May, 1977.

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LATE MESSAGE FROM BRISBANE:

Hello there from the Nation of Queensland - We send regards and remind you that you won't need to get to Queensland for the May Convention. After that however!!!!

All efforts have been toward the organization of the Convention, the only interruption being a visit by the Queen of Queensland en route to Australia.

The lecture programme committee verified the attendance of all the lecturers, and feel that the programme is diversified so as to interest all who are involved with pedodontics. Pat Egan, Archie Deftros and Blanche Pike have the social programme down to a "tea", and have employed the talents of that well-known tour guide Susan Keys to march the ladies around the sights of Brisbane. She will meet you all at the registration on Thursday morning, easily recognizable.

Ian Walke, who heads the accommodation committee (of Pat Komisky, Harry Boulton and himself) assures us that this part of the Convention is well in hand.

Joe Verco
Federal Secretary/Treasurer